Helicopters of Helicopter Corporation of India

4917. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of helicopters with the Helicopter Corporation of India as on the 31st March, 1994;

(b) what is the number of helicopters in operation and the number of those which are lying idle; and

(c) what are the names of persons and institutions to whom helicopters were given on hire during the period 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The number of helicopters with Pawan Hans as on 31st March, 1994 was 42, comprising 23 (including 3 on lease) operational helicopters and 19 grounded Westland helicopters.

(b) Of the total operational fleet of 23 helicopters, 19 are deployed on long term basis and the remaining 4 are on scheduled inspections/maintenance.

(c) The parties to whom helicopters were given on hire during 1993-94 are listed in Statement.

Statement

Name of Persons and Institutions to whom Helicopters were given on Hire during the period 1993-94

Long term charters

Oil & Natural Gas Commission (ONGC).

National Thermal Power Corporation of India (NTPC),

Punjab Government.

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Union Territory Administration of Lakshadweep.

Short term charters

Delhi Gulf Airways.

Ballarpur Ind.

Pashupati Acrylon Ltd.

Nanda Tourism Corpn.

Indian Railways.

Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Mahesh Pathak (Member, AICC).

Coca Cola India.

Infrakino Films Prod. (P) Ltd.

Esam Aviation.

Southern Railways.

Coal India Ltd.

C.N.N.

Essel World.

Mark Industries.

Relief Package for the Tourism Sector in Jammu and Kashmir

4918. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Government has recently requested the Centre to announce a relief package for the tourism sector in that state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has requested to provide some financial package for tourism industry and persons connected with tourism related activities in the Valley.

(c) The issues are under consideration.

Allocation of Funds for Kargil Airport Project

4919. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to allocate adequate funds for the Kargil airport project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The airport